(c) The NAIS is introduced in the country including Gujarat from Rabi 1999-2000 season. Before the introduction of NAIS, Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) was in operation. Details of the claims paid during last five years (1997-98 to 2001-02) are given as under:

Year	Claims Paid (Rs. in lakhs)
1997-1998	172.42
1998-1999	2084.84
1999-2000	27554.61
2000-2001	77313.33
2001-2002	1447.65

(d) The pending claims will be settled after the investigation of disputed claims is completed and requisite State's share is received.

MSP for Sugarcane

1059. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Sugarcane Growers Association in Vijayawada had urged the Central Government on 23rd September, 2002 to declare Rs. 1,000 as Minimum Support Price at 8.5 per cent recovery rate, since the total yield in the State had come down due to the prevailing drought conditions;

(b) if so, whether requests for high MSP have also been received from Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and other sugar-producing States;

(c) if so, the details of the demands received from different States; and

(d) Government's reaction and response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Government fixes Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) for sugarcane and not Minimum Support Price (MSP). No request from the Andhra Pradesh Sugar-cane Growers' Association in Vijayawada to declare Rs. 1,000/- as SMP for sugarcane at 8.5% recovery rate for 2002-03 sugar season has been received.

(b) No such requests have been received from any Sugarcane Growers' Association in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and other sugar-producing States.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.